

Vernon Area Public Library

WINTER 2019–20

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GET A LIBRARY CARD

- **at the Checkout Desk:** Residents, bring a photo ID showing your current address; property owners, business owners, and temporary residents, see vapld.info/card for ID requirements.
- **online:** vapld.info/card

FIND LIBRARY MATERIALS

Find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout or download at search.vapld.info. Log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to place materials on hold.

ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

- **vapld.info/account:** log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number)
- **in the Vernon Library app:** download for free in your app store

BOOK A STUDY ROOM

- Study rooms accommodate 4–8 people.
- Reserve a room for up to 2 hours by calling the day before: 224-543-1485 (adult) or 224-543-1486 (youth).
- Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only.

PROGRAM NOTES

- Library classes, performances, and events are **free and open to all** unless otherwise indicated.
- **Hearing loop:** Audio enhancement available at most programs held in the Meeting Room.
- **ASL interpreter** can be arranged for any program; please give advance notice.
- **Photos and videos may be taken:** If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify staff.

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Charitable collections at the library



Year-round

Household paper & cleaning products

Toilet and facial tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Also, feminine hygiene products.
Vernon Township Food Pantry



November 22–December 6

Toys for Tots

New, unwrapped toys for ages 0–12.
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

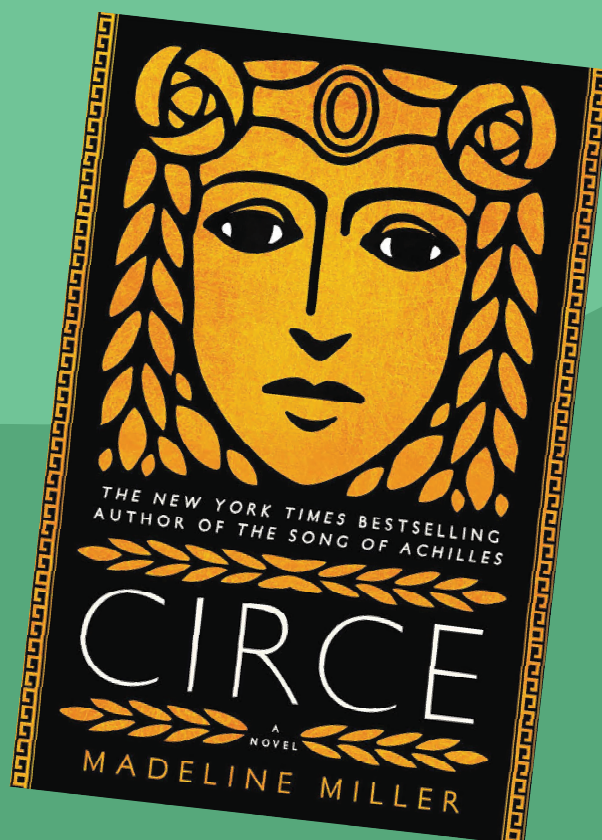


February 23–March 15

Prom dresses & accessories

New and gently used formalwear for prom.
Glass Slipper Project, Zengeler Cleaners

Look for drop-off bins in the lobby



Join the One Book, One Community movement

Each winter, the One Book series brings together thousands of local readers by encouraging everyone to read the same book at the same time. This year's selection is *Circe*, an innovative retelling of classical myth by New York Times best-selling author Madeline Miller. The epic yet intimate narrative has won lots of praise, with *People* magazine saying "Miller's spell builds slowly, but by the last page you'll be in awe. In prose of dreamlike simplicity, she reimagines the myth of Circe."

Pick up a complimentary copy of *Circe* while supplies last during a kickoff event Sunday, December 15 (see listing, p. 11). Then attend One Book events like book discussions and great lectures here and at neighboring Cook

Memorial and Indian Trails public libraries. (Vernon Area Library's One Book events are marked with ① on pages 11–13.) Don't miss Madeline Miller's visit and book signing Sunday, March 8, at Vernon Hills High School.

The One Book series, now in its fourth year, was awarded the Illinois Library Association's Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award in 2019. The honor recognizes an initiative that uses inter-agency cooperation to make a lasting impact. Libraries deliver even more when we work together!

Be part of the One Book movement: Details at 1book.org.

Expand your world: learn a language with Mango

Mango is the award-winning language learning solution centered around you. It's the only language app that combines high-quality content, intelligent technology, and an adaptive algorithm to deliver practical phrases for real-life situations. Choose from 70+ world languages, including English instruction from 21 languages. The Mango app is highly rated by users, receiving near 5-star ratings on iTunes and GooglePlay. Or learn online. Begin now and by Valentine's Day, you'll be ready to express your love in another language! Mango is free with your library card: find it in your app store or go to vapld.info/mango.

Get admission discounts at area museums

Use your Vernon Area Library card to get free or discounted tickets to museums, parks, historical societies, and performing and visual arts centers through the Explore More Illinois and Museum Adventure Pass programs. Dozens of Illinois cultural destinations include Brookfield Zoo, Chicago Botanic Garden, Legoland Discovery Center, Blocks to Bricks, and Chicago Children's Museum (pictured below). Just in time for winter break! Go to vapld.info/museum-passes to learn more.



Spark conversation with someone who has memory loss

Connecting with a person with dementia can be challenging, but once a connection is made, it can validate self-worth, bring comfort, or relieve boredom. If someone you know is experiencing memory loss, check out a Caregiver Kit from the library to jog memories and inspire conversation.

Each kit includes books, DVDs, and activities like simple games or puzzles on a theme like national parks, the seasons, or pets. The kits are an effective way to promote reminiscence therapy: recalling positive experiences promotes storytelling and conversation, boosting well-being.

The library developed the kits to assist professionals at local memory care centers and is now making them available to all. Look for the Caregiver Kits, packaged in lightweight backpacks for easy checkout, on the display near the Adult Desk. Or place one on hold in the library app or website by searching "caregiver kit" (in quotation marks). For more information, call 224-543-1485 or send an email to adultdesk@vapld.info.

Baby Rhyme Storytime • 0–14 months

Miss Kelsey guides you and your baby through research-based activities and books that promote reading readiness. Best for infants, crawlers, and beginning walkers. **DROP IN**

WEDNESDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 11–11:30 AM

DECEMBER 4, 11, JANUARY 8, 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, 12

New Parents & Babies Playgroup • 0–14 months

Meet other caregivers in this casual playdate that takes place between Baby Rhyme Storytimes. Swap stories and find support while tots play and socialize. **DROP IN**

WEDNESDAYS, 10–11 AM

DECEMBER 4, 11, JANUARY 8, 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, 12

Wiggling Ones • 12–24 months

Giggle, sing, and jam along with your toddler in this music- and movement-centered program led by Miss Heather. Best for walkers and early runners. Be prepared to move! **TICKET**

TUESDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, JANUARY 7, 14, 21, FEBRUARY 4, 18

Together 2s & 3s • 2–3 years

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities and books centered on a letter of the day help develop letter recognition. **TICKET**

MONDAYS, 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, JANUARY 6, 13, 27, FEBRUARY 3, 10, 24

Preschool Storytime • 3–5 years

Children attend independently to help them get ready for school while the accompanying adult remains in the library. Join your child at the end to sing a song of the day with Miss Emily. **DROP IN**

THURSDAYS, 10–10:30 AM OR 1:30–2 PM

DECEMBER 5, 12, 19, JANUARY 9, 16, 23, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20

Preschool & Daycare Fair

Find the right learning or care environment for your little one: Attend this open house to talk one-on-one with teachers and staff about their school's or daycare's specialties and your family's needs. Light refreshments and a coloring activity for children. More info at vapld.info/preschool-fair. **DROP IN**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1–3 PM

Winter Library Challenge

Sign up as a family, with a friend, or solo for this winter's challenge and receive your first reward just for registering! Then choose your activities: Every time you complete one, you receive a chance to win fantastic prizes. Get in on the fun! **REGISTER** in person at the Youth Desk anytime beginning Saturday, December 21.

ALL AGES • DECEMBER 21–JANUARY 26

Tuck-Me-In Tales • 0–6 years

Dress in pajamas and wind down from the day with books, songs, and rhymes. **DROP IN**

TUESDAYS, 6:30–7 PM • DECEMBER 3, JANUARY 14, FEBRUARY 4

Starry Night Storytime • 0–6 with an adult

Bring your little star to an evening storytime sure to get out those last few wiggles. **DROP IN**

THURSDAYS, 6–6:30 PM

DECEMBER 5, JANUARY 30, FEBRUARY 27

Movie: Frozen Singalong • 3 years & up

Let it go in an interactive screening of the original *Frozen* movie, filled with singing, dancing...and audience participation! **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10 AM–12 PM

Playdate at the Library • 0–4 years

Get out of the house and play with friends without all the stifling snow gear! Toys and pop-up house engage the little ones. **DROP IN** any time during hours or stay for the whole 90 minutes.

FRIDAYS, 9:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 13, 27, JANUARY 10, 24, FEBRUARY 14

A Taste of Storytime • 0–5 years

Learn how early learning activities set the stage for your child's success. The whole family is invited to this sampler of weekday storytimes at the library, plus donuts and coffee! **TICKET**

SATURDAYS, 10–10:30 AM

DECEMBER 14, JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 15

EARLY LEARNING • AGES 0–PRE-K



SCIENCE DETECTIVES – FEBRUARY 5

Under Five Family Time • 0–5 years

After a busy week, spend quality time together enjoying stories, rhymes, music, and themed crafts perfect for the pre-K crowd.

TICKET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 10:30–11:15 AM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 10:30–11:15 AM

New Year's Noon Dance Party • 3–6 years

Welcome 2020 a little early: wear your party clothes, dance the morning away, and celebrate with a bubble countdown to noon. REGISTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 11:15 AM–12:15 PM

Winter Beach Party • 0–5 years

Warm up from winter's chill at this high-energy dance party followed by a summery craft. REGISTER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 10–11 AM

Little Yogis Storytime • 3 years & up

Combine well-being and reading readiness with stories, rhymes, and simple poses for you and your child. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. REGISTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 10:30–11:15 AM

Sunshine Squad • 0–5 years

Help build a better, more compassionate world—starting with your own family! In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., the day's stories, rhymes, and songs focus on loving your and your neighbors' skin color. TICKET

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 9:30–10:15 AM OR 10:30–11:15 AM

Squirrel STEM Spectacular • 3–5 years

Learn about these furry critters through a variety of activities that help build science and math skills. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1:30–2:15 PM

Kindergarten Readiness • 4–5 years

Local kindergarten teachers report that every fall, some kids arrive in class lacking the basic skills they need for a successful start in school. Attend to help your preschooler develop and practice skills they can build on. A different skill is taught each session with plenty of time to practice. REGISTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 4:30–5 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 4:30–5 PM

Science Detectives • 3–6 years

Young children are encouraged to explore the world around them through hands-on activities inspired by storybooks.

REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:30–7 PM

Family Concert: Jiggle Jam with Jodi Koplin • all ages

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11 AM–12 PM

Oaks & Acorns Intergenerational Storytime • 0–4 years

This off-site storytime brings together your adorable child and seniors from the assisted living center. Stories, songs, a craft, and new connections brighten everyone's day. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 10–11 AM

SUNRISE OF BUFFALO GROVE

180 W. HALF DAY RD., BUFFALO GROVE

Let's Learn Spanish! • 0–6 years

Get to know the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries in an all-ages, all-levels storytime. REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 10–10:45 AM

Leap Day Storytime • 0–5 years

An extra day is a great reason to celebrate! Music, rhymes, stories, and a craft focus on this once-every-four-years event.

TICKET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 10:30–11:15 AM

TICKET: Get free tickets at the library on the day of the event. First-come, first-served.

REGISTER: Sign up at calendar.vapld.info or call 224-543-1486 starting 30 days before the program.

DROP IN: No ticket or registration required.

ALL PROGRAMS: Children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome. (Exception: Preschool Storytime.)

Giving Tuesday • grades 3–5

Make gifts to help local nonprofits do their work on this international day of charitable giving. All materials provided; no experience necessary. REGISTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 4:30–5:30 PM

Hour of Code • grades K–2 with an adult

Stevenson High School Girls in STEAM lead a session of the global, one-hour introduction to computer science. This beginner-level program demystifies code. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 6:30–7:30 PM

Hands-On STEM: Bath Fizzes • grades 3–5

Learn the science behind the bath fizz, an effervescent treat that colors and scents warm water. Then, create your own for yourself or to give. All materials provided. REGISTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 4:30–5:30 PM

Movie: Frozen Singalong • 3 years & up

Sing and dance along in an interactive screening of the original *Frozen* movie. REGISTER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 10 AM–12 PM

My First Robot • grades K–2 with an adult

Learn programming concepts like sequencing to make KIBO robots light up, make noise, and move. REGISTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 4:30–5:30 PM OR 7–8 PM

Snowmen at Night: Story & Craft • grades K–2

What do snowmen do when you're sleeping? Find out, then create your own nighttime snowman painting with help from artist Christine Thornton. Dress for a mess! REGISTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:30–5:30 PM



HOUR OF CODE – DECEMBER 4

Watercolor Snowflakes: Painting Workshop • grades 3–5

Draw snowflakes and use fluid makers and liquid watercolors to create your own seasonal masterpiece with help from artist Christine Thornton. REGISTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6:30–8 PM

K-9 Reading Buddies • grades 1–5

A trained therapy dog listens patiently while your grade school student reads aloud, helping build confidence and encourage reading. REGISTER for a 15-minute appointment beginning 30 days before the program: call 224-543-1486 or sign up at the Youth Desk. (Sorry, no online registration.)

WEDNESDAYS, 6:15–7:30 PM

DECEMBER 11, JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 19

Coding with Sphero • grades 3–5

Pair up and learn to code with Sphero, a programmable mini robot, then complete some challenges. REGISTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 4:30–5:45 PM

Family Arts & Crafts Maker Lab • grades K–5 with an adult

Express your creativity, working solo or together at the Winter Library Challenge kickoff. A variety of materials provided; no experience necessary. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1–3 PM

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 2–8

Test your knowledge, sharpen your skills, and make new friends. REGISTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2:30–4 PM

Minecraft Mania • grades K–5

Work with other kids to build structures and strategize to defeat zombies, spiders, and skeletons. REGISTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 3–3:45 PM OR 4:30–5:15 PM

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 6–7:30 PM

GRADES 3–5

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ALL AGES • DECEMBER 21–JANUARY 26

KIDS • GRADES K–5

REGISTER at calendar.vapld.info, 224-543-1486, or at the library.
Registration opens 30 days before each program.

Exploring Great Artists: Gustav Klimt • grades K–5

Learn about the life of Austrian painter Gustav Klimt, the symbols he used in his work, and the important art movement he was part of. Then create your own painting inspired by Klimt's *The Tree of Life*. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 7–8 PM

GRADES 3–5

Kids' Nonfiction Book Discussion • grades 3–5 with an adult

Learn what immigrants experienced in the past: Read and discuss *What Was Ellis Island?* by Patricia Demuth. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 7–8 PM

Smarty Pants Presents "The Mousetrap Machine Show" grades K–5 with an adult

A mouse is loose in the library! Can a machine made of balloons catch it? Learn about simple machines with Smarty Pants, voted Chicago's Best Family Entertainer in Nickelodeon's Parents' Picks poll. REGISTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 11 AM–12 PM

Frosty Math • grades K–5

No bundling up required for wintry math fun! REGISTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 4:30–5:15 PM • GRADES K–2

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 7–8 PM • GRADES 3–5

Giving Back on MLK Day • grades K–8

Find out how the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation serves those who have served, then make a scarf for a U.S. military veteran. Materials and simple instructions provided. REGISTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1–3 PM



GIVING BACK ON MLK DAY – JANUARY 20

Lock Decoders • grades 3–5

Test your ability to solve puzzles, answer riddles, and decode ciphers. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 4:30–5:30 PM

Introduction to Origami • grades 3–5

Learn to make seasonal origami with the help of a pro. All materials provided; no experience necessary. REGISTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 4:30–5:30 PM OR 6–7 PM

Lunar New Year Dance Performance grades K–5 with an adult

Experience live performances of a graceful Tang dynasty ribbon dance, a powerful martial arts-style dance, and a Mongolian dance celebrating the outdoors. REGISTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 11 AM–12 PM

Squirrel STEM Spectacular • grades K–2 with an adult

Learn about these furry critters through a variety of activities that help build science and math skills. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 4:30–5:15 PM

Family Concert: Jiggle Jam with Jodi Koplin • all ages with an adult

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 11 AM–12 PM

Lego Robotics • grades K–5

Build and program interactive models using the Lego Education WeDo software in this hands-on program. REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 4:30–5:30 PM

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 7–8 PM

GRADES 3–5

"THE MOUSETRAP MACHINE SHOW" – JANUARY 11



Valentine's Day Physics • grades 3–5

Hands-on seasonal activities make physics basics easy and fun. REGISTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7–8 PM

Lego Architects • grades K–4

Work through a challenge, then let your imagination run wild during free building time. REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 4:30–5:30 PM

Chinese Lantern Festival Celebration

grades K–5 with an adult

Learn about this spring festival through activities including paper cutting, lantern making, and traditional legends. Presented in partnership with Stevenson High School's National Chinese Honor Society. REGISTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6–7:30 PM

Adventures with Animal Quest • grades K–5 with an adult

Find out about furry and scaly crawlers with Steve and Jessica Reedy, who are on a mission to share their knowledge of our planet's creatures. Meet a hedgehog, tortoise, and other critters from the Reedys' sanctuary. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7–8 PM

Parent Education

Registration is open now for these programs.

Executive Functioning

Psychologist Mandi Croft-Petoskey helps parents better understand how developing key cognitive skills helps students get organized, plan, research, and meet goals. Cosponsored by District 103 PTO Parent Education Team. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 9:30–11 AM

Mindfulness for Parents

Learn how practicing mindfulness can boost the quality of attention you give your child, increase the resilience you model, and help you respond to challenges with patience. Cosponsored by Community Parent Network. REGISTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7–8:30 PM

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1 STEVENSON DRIVE, LINCOLNSHIRE

Discussing LGBTQ+ Topics in Our Families

grades 9–12 &/or adults

Learn to discuss sexual identity with family members. A panel presentation is followed by breakout sessions of guided discussions. For community members and allies. Cosponsored by Stevenson High School. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7–8:30 PM

Giving Tuesday • grades 6 & up

Make gifts that help local nonprofit organizations do their work. All materials provided; no experience necessary. REGISTER

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7–8:15 PM

Exam Cram • grades 9–12

Hit the books at the library. Study solo or in a group, with extra space, snacks, and Saturday and Sunday extended hours exclusively for high school students. DROP IN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 12–7 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 12:30–7 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 3:30–8:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 3:30–8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1:30–8:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1:30–8:30 PM

Games for Grownups • teens & adults

Bring your own game, borrow one from the library, or jump in on a pickup game of chess. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

DECEMBER 22, JANUARY 12, 26, FEBRUARY 9

Chess Challenge Meetup • grades 2–8

Test your knowledge, sharpen your skills, and make new friends. REGISTER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2:30–4 PM

EXAM CRAM – DECEMBER 14–19



TEENS • GRADES 6–12

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Registration opens 30 days before each program.



OFF THE PAGE – JANUARY 27 & FEBRUARY 24

Interactive Movie: *Cool Runnings* (PG) • grades 6 & up

Four Jamaican bobsledders dream of competing in the Winter Olympics, despite never having seen snow. Watch and join in as the team goes all out for glory. Scripts, props, snacks, and crafts provided. REGISTER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2–4 PM

Silhouette Cameo: Glass Etching • grades 6 & up

Learn to design and create a vinyl stencil using the Silhouette Cameo, a programmable cutting machine. Then, etch your design onto a mason jar, yours to keep or give. All materials provided; no experience necessary. REGISTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2–4 PM OR 6–8 PM

Brush Pen Calligraphy • grades 6 & up

Local artist Audrey Ko shows you how to make basic strokes and work with colors. Create a card to take home. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 6–8 PM

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MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1–3 PM

Lock Decoders • grades 6–8

If you like escape rooms or you're a fan of Breakout EDU, test your ability to solve puzzles, answer riddles, and decode ciphers. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 7–8 PM

Off the Page: A Teen Book Club • grades 8–12

Add your voice to the banter while enjoying frozen custard—the library's treat! A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

MONDAYS, 7–8:15 PM

JANUARY 27: *The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly*
by Stephanie Oakes

FEBRUARY 24: *You Asked for Perfect* by Laura Silverman
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ACT/SAT Practice Exam • grades 8–12

Prepare for test day by taking a free practice exam and receive a detailed score analysis within two weeks. Presented in partnership with Huntington Learning Center of Buffalo Grove. Specify ACT or SAT when you REGISTER.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 10 AM–1:30 PM

LIBRARY ANNEX, 4 INDIAN CREEK RD., LINCOLNSHIRE

Junior High Book Discussion • grades 6–8

Check calendar.vapld.info for this season's selected title. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7–8 PM

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7–8:30 PM

Lego Master Builders: 50-Piece Challenge • grades 5–8

Are you up to the challenge of building a Lego creation with only 50 pieces? REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7–8 PM

Taco Tuesday • grades 9–12

Chef Susan Maddox demonstrates proper knife skills and how to create a taco spice blend, Mexican rice, and red and green sauces. Learn new recipes and techniques and, best of all, eat tacos! REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7–8:30 PM

ELL Conversation Group

Practice English conversation skills at the library with other non-native English speakers. Guided discussion covers a variety of topics including American culture and idioms. REGISTER

TUESDAYS, 9:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 3, JANUARY 14, 28, FEBRUARY 25

Giving Tuesday • adults & grades 6 and up

Make gifts to help local nonprofits do their work on this international day of charitable giving. All materials provided; no experience necessary. REGISTER

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 6:30–8 PM

Lunch & Learn: Architectural Treasures of Chicago's South Side

Photographer, architecture critic, and author (*Southern Exposure*) Lee Bey highlights residential and urban design on the South Side, home to some of Chicago's architectural gems. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. REGISTER

REGISTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 12:30–1:30 PM

Book Discussions with Judy Levin

Thought-provoking, diverse reads beyond the best sellers. More info at vapld.info/readers. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders, at the Adult Desk. REGISTER

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 10–11:30 AM

DECEMBER 12: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

JANUARY 9: *There There* by Tommy Orange

1 FEBRUARY 13: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Writer's Support Group

Share work, meet fellow writers, get constructive feedback, and discuss the publishing business in this informal group. All writers welcome. REGISTER on Meetup: vapld.info/writers.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 6:30–8:30 PM

DECEMBER 12, JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 13

1 One Book, One Community Kickoff

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Senior Series: Sounds of the Double Bass

Explore classical music through the largest, lowest-pitched bowed string instrument in the modern symphony orchestra. Alan Steiner, a double bass musician in Chicago area orchestras, performs and shares memories from concerts he has played around the world. REGISTER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1–2 PM

Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap • ages 21–39

If you're in your 20s or 30s, meet for a book discussion with excellent people over adult beverages and delicious food. Find reading selections and REGISTER on Meetup: vapld.info/ttbot.

THURSDAYS, 6–8:30 PM

DECEMBER 19, JANUARY 16, FEBRUARY 20

THE CHATTERBOX, 330 OLD MCHENRY RD., LONG GROVE

Movies

Popular films and documentaries, shown with closed captions. More info at vapld.info/movies. REGISTER

FRIDAYS

DECEMBER 20, 2 PM: *Apollo 11* (G)

JANUARY 10, 2 PM: *Aladdin* (PG)

FEBRUARY 7, 2 PM: *Maiden* (PG)

SATURDAYS

JANUARY 18, 2 PM: *Yesterday* (PG-13)

FEBRUARY 15, 1:30 PM: *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* (R)

Games for Grownups • teens & adults

Bring your own game, borrow one from the library, or jump in on a pickup game of chess. DROP IN anytime during hours.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

DECEMBER 22, JANUARY 12, 26, FEBRUARY 9

10 Steps to a Smarter Tax Return

Learn to manage your taxes, not just "do" them. Get the info you need to make tax-smart choices in saving for retirement or college, using employer benefits, paying taxes on your investments, and managing finances for other life events. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 6:30–7:30 PM

ARCHITECTURE OF CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE – DECEMBER 9



ADULTS • AGES 18 & UP

Workshop: How to Write a Memoir

Writer and editor David Rutter (Chicago Tribune) explains how to gather stories, set a timeline, use technology, and edit to tell your or your family's story. [REGISTER](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 1–3 PM

LIBRARY ANNEX, 4 INDIAN CREEK RD., LINCOLNSHIRE

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *Richard III*

The professional players of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a full, theatrical reading of the saga of a man who would do absolutely anything to become king. Get the full experience: attend the pre-show introduction at 6:15 PM.

[REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 6:30–9 PM

1 Circe, Then & Now

In Homer's *Odyssey* and Madeline Miller's novel, the story of Circe is a celebration of invincible female strength in a man's world. Explore the themes of women in Greek myth, the intrigue of the goddess Circe, and how Greek goddesses and heroes are relevant today. Presented by Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Ahmad Sadri of Lake Forest College.

[REGISTER](#) beginning Dec. 15.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 1–2:30 PM

Must-Read Nonfiction Book Discussion

True stories that are engaging, informative, and important. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders beginning four weeks before discussion, at the Adult Desk. Get more info and [REGISTER](#) (recommended) on Meetup: vapld.info/nonfiction.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 7–8 PM

JANUARY 20: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

FEBRUARY 17: *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land

Civil Rights: Essential Reading

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an opportunity to reflect on the progress made since the civil rights movement and consider how to address inequalities that persist today. Lauren Margolin, the Good Book Fairy, recommends reading that contributes to understanding and talking about race relations. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 7–8 PM

Senior Series: A Portrayal of Miep Gies, Protector of Anne Frank & Her Diary

Actress Megan Wells portrays the Dutch heroine who introduced the world to Anne Frank after protecting her family and her diary. Cosponsored by the Buffalo Grove Park District.

[REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1–2 PM

Parent Education: Executive Functioning

Psychologist Mandi Croft-Petoskey helps parents better understand how developing key cognitive skills helps students get organized, plan, research, and meet goals. Cosponsored by District 103 PTO Parent Education Team. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 9:30–11 AM

1 Greece, Where the Past Is Present

Pro travelers Barbara Sugden and Ron Vargason take you on a photo tour of modern-day Greece to marvel at temples, explore archaeological sites, and cruise waterways to better understand Greek history and mythology. [REGISTER](#) beginning Dec. 15.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 6:30–7:30 PM

Lunch & Learn: The Art of Conducting

Conductor, musician, and instructor Stephen Alltop (Northwestern's Bienen School of Music) demystifies how conductors influence music and musicians, and profiles history's most important conductors. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 12:30–1:30 PM

Art Workshop: Say "I love you" with Origami

Learn to make simple origami creations for Valentine's Day with instructor Sandra Congreve. All materials provided; no experience required. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 5–6 PM OR 6:30–7:30 PM

Senior Series: Coffee House with Mark Dvorak

Master musician and storyteller Mark Dvorak of the Old Town School of Folk Music performs folk songs and classics from the Great American Songbook. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1–2 PM

THE OH YEAHS – FEBRUARY 23



Parent Education: Mindfulness for Parents

Learn how practicing mindfulness can boost the quality of attention you give your child, increase the resilience you model, and help you respond to challenges with patience.

Cosponsored by Community Parent Network. REGISTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7–8:30 PM
STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL, RM. 2104
1 STEVENSON DRIVE, LINCOLNSHIRE

Discussing LGBTQ+ Topics in Our Families adults &/or grades 9–12

Learn to discuss sexual identity with family members. A panel presentation is followed by breakout sessions of guided discussions. For community members and allies. Cosponsored by Stevenson High School. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7–8:30 PM

How to Research the Candidates

Prepare for the 2020 primary and general election using trusted news sources to effectively research your ballot and make informed choices. Librarians share reliable resources. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 6:30–7 PM

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Exchange ideas about the foreign policy issues facing America in a non-partisan discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Participants pick up a briefing book at the library (Adult Desk) and read a chapter before each monthly meeting. REGISTER for Feb.–Apr. beginning Nov. 25. Choose Fri. PM or Wed. AM.

FRIDAYS, 1–3 PM • FEBRUARY 14, MARCH 13, APRIL 10 OR
WEDNESDAYS, 9:30–11:30 AM • FEBRUARY 19, MARCH 18, APRIL 15

1 Circe Book Discussion

The One Book, One Community pick follows Circe, the witch daughter of Helios, as she hones her powers and interacts with mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and the mortals. Copies available for extended checkout, at the Adult Desk. REGISTER beginning Dec. 15.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7–8 PM • NOVEL NIGHT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2–3 PM

Green Academy: Trash Talk with a Recycling Guru

Learn to up your recycling game: View the short documentary *Racing to Zero: In Pursuit of Zero Waste* and join a solution-focused discussion with Chicago area resident Robin Migalla, who has produced zero waste for the past 3+ years. Teens welcome. REGISTER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 6:30–8 PM

Home Security Tips from the Buffalo Grove Police

Officer Matthew Mills explains how to make your residence less attractive to burglars. REGISTER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1–2 PM



THE LIFE & TIMES OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG – FEBRUARY 25

Sunday Concert: The Oh Yeahs

Three of Chicago's top vocalists and multi-instrumentalists perform an acoustic concert featuring folksy harmonies, original compositions, current pop hits, and tributes. REGISTER

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1–2 PM

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *Romeo and Juliet*

The professional players of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a full, theatrical reading of the quintessential tragedy about two star-crossed young lovers. Get the full experience: attend the pre-show introduction at 6:15 PM. REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30–9 PM

Lunch & Learn: Notorious RBG, the Life & Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Illinois Holocaust Museum curator Arielle Weininger gives a preview of the February 9–August 16 exhibit featuring Justice Ginsburg's life and her roles as student, wife, mother, lawyer, judge, and women's rights pioneer. Bring your lunch starting at noon; coffee and dessert provided. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 12:30–1:30 PM

Get Organized with a Bullet Journal

Learn this flexible, creative way to organize and track tasks and increase productivity. All materials provided. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7–8:30 PM

1 Author Visit with Madeline Miller, *Circe*

Hear from masterful storyteller and New York Times best-selling author Madeline Miller in this One Book, One Community finale. Book signing follows. REGISTER beginning Dec. 15.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1–2:30 PM
VERNON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
145 LAKEVIEW PARKWAY, VERNON HILLS



FOCUS ON GRANT FUNDING: WORKSHOP – FEBRUARY 6

Business & Career Development

Master the Interview

Whether you're a college student seeking an internship, a late-career professional, or somewhere in between, learn to make the most of a job interview. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 9:30–11 AM

Taxes & Your Small Business

Learn which deductions apply to your business and find out about best practices for record-keeping. A tax expert reviews all the info small business owners need for filing season. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:30–8 PM

SCORE One-on-One Business Mentoring

Get free expert advice to launch your business or to help your small business grow: Meet with an experienced mentor every month. Book a one-hour appointment: vapld.info/SCORE.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 9 AM–12 PM

DECEMBER 12, JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 13

Focus on Grant Funding: Workshop

Librarians and other experts from Forefront Chicago and Lake County Community Foundation help fund-seekers with requests for proposal (RFPs), writing letters of inquiry, or working through grant-funding challenges in this hands-on workshop. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 10 AM–12 PM

Master Your Elevator Pitch

Impressions are made in an instant. Corporate trainer Ronnis Oher coaches you in creating a strong, memorable elevator pitch. Leave equipped with a few phrases to confidently promote yourself and your skills in 30 seconds flat. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 9:30–11 AM

Computers & Technology

Google Apps

Gmail Basics

Gmail is free and easy to use. Learn how to create an account, add contacts, and receive/send email in this introductory class.

[REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 7–8:30 PM

Gmail Beyond the Basics

Learn to better manage your inbox using email filters, search, and settings. Also, find out how to work with attachments.

Prerequisites: Gmail account and password, basic experience.

[REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 7–8:30 PM

Google Drive

This popular, free cloud storage service gives you access to your files wherever you are, allows you to collaborate with others, and improves productivity. Prerequisites: Gmail account and experience. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 7–8:30 PM

Special Topics

Canva: Holiday Cards

Canva is a simple online design tool for creating print and web graphics. Learn to use it to create printed cards or e-cards for this holiday season. Prerequisite: Email account. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7–8:30 PM

Silhouette Cameo

The Cameo is a programmable machine that precision-cuts a variety of materials. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 6:30–8:30 PM: Glass Etching

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 10:30 AM–12 PM: Vinyl Labels to Organize Your Home

Discovering Podcasts

If you're looking for something interesting to listen to on your next road trip or while you work around the house, podcasts are the answer. Learn to find and download podcasts that interest you. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7–8:30 PM

Windows 10 Basics

Navigate the desktop, start menu, Cortana virtual assistant, and Edge web browser, and personalize your experience. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7–8:30 PM

Star Gazing: Apps & Telescopes

Explore basic stargazing apps, then move outside to learn to use a telescope to view the night sky. Hot tea and cocoa provided. Dress warmly! REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to Python

Learn, practice, and experiment with the basics of Python, a general-purpose programming language, in this two-part class. Prerequisite: intermediate computer skills. No coding experience needed. REGISTER

MONDAYS, JANUARY 27 & FEBRUARY 3, 7–8:30 PM

Flow Charts 101

Learn to create diagrams that help communicate an idea, plan, or process. Useful for any workplace. Prerequisites: Email address, keyboard and mouse skills. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to Python: Loops

Take the next step in learning to code with Python, a general-purpose programming language. Learn and practice “for” and “while” loops in this hands-on class. Prerequisite: Intro to Python or commensurate experience. REGISTER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7–8:30 PM

Multimedia

Photo Storage 101

Learn about storage on an external hard drive or on Google Photo, organization, and sharing in this introductory class. Prerequisite: Gmail account and password. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 7–8:30 PM

Library Media Lab: Digitize Your Photos & Videos

Convert photos, slides, negatives, VHS, or DVDs to digital formats for preservation and organization. REGISTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 7–8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 10–11:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10–11:30 AM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 7–8:30 PM

Intro to 3D Printing

Create a small object using a ready-to-print file or custom Tinkercad file and the 3D printers at the library. Prerequisites: basic computer skills, Vernon Area Public Library card. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 7–8:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7–8:30 PM

3D Printing Next Steps

Learn to use Tinkercad and a 3D printer to create a specific object. Prerequisites: intermediate computer and mouse skills, Vernon Area Library card. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 7–8:30 PM: Moving Parts

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7–8:30 PM: Appliance Knob

Create a Logo in GIMP

Use GIMP, a free online image-editing tool similar to Photoshop, to create a logo for your business, blog, or website. REGISTER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7–8:30 PM

Computers & Coffee

Enjoy a cup of coffee and instruction followed by hands-on practice with the help of a technology volunteer. The pace is relaxed, with plenty of time for your technology questions. REGISTER

MONDAYS, 11 AM–12:30 PM

DECEMBER 9: Streaming Media

JANUARY 13: Virtual Reality Museum Tour

FEBRUARY 10: Tech Trends from the Consumer Electronics Show

One-on-One Tech Help

Book a 45-minute appointment with a librarian to get help with:

- the library website, catalog, or premium resources for research
- downloading e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, or music
- computer software
- the library Media Lab

Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only, please. Request an appointment (required), up to two per month: 224-543-1485 or at vapld.info/techhelp.

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Hours

Monday–Thursday	9 AM–9 PM
Friday & Saturday	9 AM–5 PM
Sunday	12–5 PM

Closings

November 27	Closing at 5 PM (Open 9 AM–5 PM)
November 28	Thanksgiving
December 6	Closed until 1 PM (Open 1–5 PM)
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day



Preschool & Daycare Fair December 8

Visit this open house to zero in on the right daycare or pre-K environment for your child. See p. 5 for details.